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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING TO ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 24, 2004, please consider the following remarks.

Election/Restriction Requirement

Applicants wish to provisionally elect without traverse Group I, which are claims 52-46, and 58-73 drawn to a composition. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications pertaining to the subject matter in Group II.

In regard to the election of species, application elect with traverse claim 56 directed to octrotide, or an acid addition salt thereof, as the drug compound.

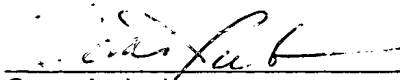
Applicants request clarification from the examiner regarding the second election of species. The claims of the present invention do not define a monopolymer consisting of lactide monomers and therefore, Applicants request this election be withdrawn.

Applicants elect with traverse a co-polymer which is linear.

Entry of this Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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